
1 1.4 DEFINITION

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3 The term "populations with access and functional needs" is defined as:

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5 **Populations whose members may have** additional needs before, during, and after an incident in
6 functional areas including but not limited to: maintaining independence, communication,
7 transportation, supervision, and medical care. Individuals in need of additional response
8 assistance may include those who have disabilities; who live in institutionalized settings; who are
9 elderly; who are children; who are from diverse cultures; who have limited English proficiency
10 or are non-English speaking; or who are transportation disadvantaged. This is consistent with
11 the definition that FEMA uses in the National Response Framework to define the term
12 "special needs." The LACOA has decided to use "access and functional needs" in place
13 of "special needs" as this terminology is consistent with current trends in California and
14 nationally. Thus, be aware that these interchangeable terms mean the same thing.

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16 All other terms and acronyms are defined in Appendix B.
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